

# OVERDOSE RESPONSE CHECKLIST

## Mental Health Professional, Recovery Professional, Healthcare Provider

### WHY DO I NEED A CHECKLIST AFTER I RECEIVE A NOTIFICATION?

- Use this checklist as a guide after you receive notification of an overdose spike in your area.
- You may wish to adapt this checklist to your specific organization or situation.
- Many of the resources and education materials you may need can be found at: <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/pharmacy/overdose-response.html>.

### WHO SHOULD I COMMUNICATE THIS INFORMATION TO?

- Distribute the information you have received from ADPH regarding overdoses in the area to communicate within your organization.
- Increasing knowledge and understanding reduces the potential for overdoses in the future.
- Make any other treatment organizations or support groups are aware of the potential for ongoing overdoses in your area.
- Use provided information from ADPH or send a link to the ADPH overdose response website: <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/pharmacy/overdose-response.html>

### WHAT EDUCATION SHOULD BE PROVIDED IN MY AREA/ORGANIZATION?

- Remind staff and clients of resources available, including information about access to naloxone.
- Review Good Samaritan information with staff and clients.
- Remind healthcare professionals, EMTs, and law enforcement of treatment options in the community for those who have experienced an overdose.
- Encourage all staff and clients to dispose of any unused medications or drugs. Information about safe disposal can be found at: <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/pharmacy/overdose-response.html>
- Check all available naloxone to ensure that it is in date.
- Review information regarding signs and symptoms of overdose for substance in most recent events with staff.
- Also review symptoms of use disorder related to the current substance.